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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Newly submitted claims 1-8 and 30-34 filed 08/05/2009 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The previous claims filed 12/16/2008 were directed to a system for maintaining parity between gaming systems in a progressive network which would be classified in 463/27. The newly submitted claims are directed to a system which verifies prize generation of a third party gaming system by independent generation of outcomes which would be classified in 463/29

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 30-34 as presented in the amendment filed 08/05/2009 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

2. The amendment filed on 08/05/2009 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because of the divergent subject matter as set forth above.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the

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omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID DUFFY whose telephone number is (571) 272-1574. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 0830-1700.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on (571) 272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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